

MINUTES OF 12/21/09

SELECTMEN'S MEETING Monday, December 21, 2009 7 p.m. H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOS

- 1. OPEN FORUM-no speakers**
- 2. Open Session Minutes of December 7, 2009**

~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee, passed 5-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 3. Appointment(s)-Library Trustee & School Building Committee**

~Library Trustee appointment postponed to January 4, 2010

David Gear candidate for the School Building Committee vacancy spoke to the BOS
~Motion to appoint Mr. Gear by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.
- 4. Land Use Counsel-Report of the Committee**

Presentation was made by Mr. Manzella ZBA Chairman, and Chairman of the Land Use Counsel Study Committee. Mr. Manzella discussed the process the committee used to screen and evaluate the applicants for appointment as Land Use Counsel. The committee forwarded its top three recommended applicants, 1st Petrini and Associates P.C., 2nd Kopelman and Paige, and 3rd Galvin and Galvin. Thomas Henderson, Planning Board Chairman also spoke to thank the committee members and regarding the selection process. Additional discussion took place regarding between the BOS members and Study Committee members.

Mr. Chiocca was instructed to make a copy of the submittals of the three recommended firms to the 3 BOS members who were not part of the Study Committee (Simpson, Chaffee, and Johnson).

Planning Board Chairman Tom Henderson requested Kopelman and Paige be appointed as Land Use Counsel through January 5, 2010 as there is a best Practices hearing scheduled regarding the Abington-Rockland Water department building.

~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Simpson to appoint Kopelman and Paige through January 5, 2010 passed 5-0.

~Motion by to take the Land Use Counsel recommendations under advisement until the January 4, 2010 meeting by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Simpson passed 5-0.

5. Budget

Mr. Chiocca presented the revised format of his budget recommendations to the BOS as requested at the previous meeting. Mr. Chiocca reminded the BOS the Finance Committee is supposed to receive a budget proposal from the BOS by January 1st. As requested by the BOS revenue projections were also included. Lengthy discussion took place regarding revenues projections, local aid and Prop 2½ allowances.

~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska to have budget voted by each line item not by Department no second.

~ Motion by Mr. Simpson to accept the budget as amended and send it to the Finance Committee, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-1(Zupkofska).

NEW BUSINESS

6. License Renewals

Automatic Amusement License

1. Old Liberty Tavern – 254 Liberty Street
2. Rockland Ice Rink – 599 Summer Street

~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

Common Victuallers License

1. Aygila Restaurant – 323 Union Street
2. Old Liberty Tavern – 354 Liberty Street
3. Best Western – 909 Hingham Street

~ Motion to approve by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

Class II License

1. Atlantic Automotive – 50 John Dunn Drive

~Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

Entertainment License

1. Old Liberty Tavern – 354 Liberty Street
2. Rockland Ice Rink – 599 Summer Street
3. Aygila Restaurant – 323 Union Street
~ Motion to approve by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

Inn Holder License

1. Best Western – 909 Hingham Street
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

Lodging Licenses

1. DDE Property Management – 92 Church Street (taxes paid in full)
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

All Alcohol-Package

1. South Shore Package – 328 Union Street
~Motion by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0-1(Zupkofska)

All Alcohol-Common Victuallers

1. R & R Tavern – 354 Liberty Street
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

The following businesses are not renewing this year:

Class II: Quality Sales & Service – 333 Weymouth Street

Class III: Rockland Auto Parts – 419 Concord Street

Common Victualler: Albertina's Ice Cream – 223 Union Street

7. Second Half FY10 Tax Bill Mailing Extension

Discussion took place regarding possibility of 2nd half tax bills being delayed due to backup at Department of Revenue. The DOR recommends specific language be adopted by the BOS to allow delayed bills.

~Motion by Mr. Chaffee 2nd by Ms. O'Brien, That the town of Rockland accept Chapter 183 of the Acts of 2009 to extend the time for mailing the actual tax bills for fiscal year 2010 until January 30, 2010 passed 5-0.

8. No Item

9. Town Administrator Report and Correspondence

Discussion of Snow Emergency took place.

~ Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee to have BOS ratified decision of Highway Superintendent Corvi, Chairman Simpson and TA Chiocca to declare a snow emergency on Saturday December 19, 2009 at 10 P.M. passed 4-0-1(O'Brien).

Discussion took place regarding snow and ice deficit spending.

~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee to authorize \$150,000.00 in deficit spending for snow and ice removal, did not pass 2-2-1(Simpson and Johnson opposed, O'Brien abstained).

~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Simpson to allow deficit spending for snow and ice removal passed 3-1-1(Zupkofska opposed and O'Brien abstained).

Mr. Chiocca requested the BOS vote a blanket policy allowing alcohol establishments to remain open until 2 P.M. for New Years Eve to New Years Morning provided they send a letter to the BOS office and then we'll notify the Police Department.

~Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

TA requested the BOS establish a license fee for Antiques & Junk Collector

~Motion to table by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

Mr. Chiocca wished the BOS, Town employees and everyone in Rockland a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He has enjoyed his first full year of service to Rockland.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

Ms. O'Brien,

~Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Johnson,

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Mr. Zupkofska,

~Wished Mr. Simpson and everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Chaffee

~Read a letter regarding Devan Dupuis' action in applying the Heimlich maneuver to Ian Garland at the School Lunchroom saving Ian's life.

Chairman Simpson

**~Thanked Mr. Chiocca for his service this year and Atty. Clifford as well.
Wished the BOS and Rockland a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

Christmas Eve ½ Day

**Mr. Chiocca asked the BOS to declare a ½ day for R.I.T.E. Union employees on
Christmas Eve.**

~Motion to approve by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien, passed 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**~Motion to go into executive session for negotiations with non union personnel and f to
discuss litigation by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0 by Roll Call vote.**

**Allan R. Chiocca,
Town Administrator**

**Lawrence J. Chaffee, Vice Chairman
for the Board of Selectmen**

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